

Reward for Chavis.

The following dispatch was received at the Herald office last evening:

SACRAMENTO, May 23, 1874.

EDITOR HERALD: Two thousand dollars reward is offered for Chavis, Vasquez's lieutenant.

NEWTON BOOTH.

Why Population Does Not Increase.

The Lompoc tract, lying in the northern part of Santa Barbara county, and consisting of 56,000 acres of good land, is to be colonized with Germans. We learn from the Santa Barbara Press that Mr. JOHN P. WAGNER will immediately proceed to Germany for the purpose of organizing and bringing out the colony. This is a practical idea, and one that FRIEDLANDER, CHAPMAN, ROBERTS, CARR and a dozen others of our large landholders might act upon with advantage to themselves and great good to the people to whom they offer facilities for searching the Pacific Coast. These men own large bodies of land now comparatively non-productive, and at the prices they are held they are beyond the reach of nine-tenths of those who would become settlers. The newspapers and pamphleteers do a great deal of writing about our inducements for immigrants, but when we come to examine the matter closely we have very little to offer of the article which is the chief incentive to immigration—public land. We have plenty of good soil for sale, but not at Government prices. Our best land has been bought up by speculators, and when the farm seeker comes along, he is told that old Two Per Cent owns a Township here, and that old Shoddy Contractor owns all the land adjoining him. He is also told that all these rich acres, purchased at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre with college scrip at sixty cents on the dollar, is now held at from five to twenty-five dollars per acre in gold. This condition of affairs is discouraging to the man of small means who would become a settler, and it is due to the fact that we have such a comparatively small amount of good Government land that immigrants who come and remain are so few and far between. We do not say, and do not wish to be understood as saying, no rich soil may be had at Government rates, but we say, and we mean it, and can prove it, that the great body of California's farm land has passed out of the Government's hands, and we say and we can prove that a large area of this land is now held by speculators who will not cultivate it nor allow others to do so. They paid next to nothing for it and they have never paid taxes to any considerable amount on it, yet they will not sell it for less than five hundred or one thousand per cent advance on first cost. The San Joaquin valley is by far the largest body of farm land lying together in the State, yet if a party of immigrants get off the cars at Stockton and ask the old resident where lies the Government land, and he will be compelled to answer that while some fair soil yet remains in the Government's hands in different parts of Kern and Tulare counties, yet the best and the most of it has passed into second hands. We do not question the right of any one to own all the land he is able to buy and pay for. We merely point out a cause which prevents an increase of population as rapidly as we desire. Los Angeles valley has not been seriously damaged by speculators who bought up the Government land. In the past her advancement has been retarded by the Mexican grant system, but now nearly all of the large grants are broken up and are for sale in small lots on terms quite reasonable for such land. In truth, aggregation of land has almost ceased in this State, and if we can induce those who now hold large tracts to sell them out in lots to suit purchasers or colonize them with families who will purchase the land hereafter, we shall have done something that will prove the beginning of our permanent prosperity.

We have seen the last of Vasquez, we hope. Yesterday afternoon the officers placed him on the cars and with their charge left for the Senator. They will take the bandit to San Francisco, and from thence around by San Jose and Gilroy to Salinas City. That he will be cordially received in Monterey county there can be no doubt. In the columns of the HERALD this morning appears a message from Governor BOOTH announcing that he will pay \$2,000 reward for the capture and conviction of CHAVIS, VASQUEZ's Lieutenant. It is to be hoped this red handed villain will soon be in the hands of the officers. When he is captured or killed the gang will be broken up and we shall hear no more of the VASQUEZ band.

MANY of our exchanges are indignant over the statement which appeared in the HERALD's interview of VASQUEZ, to the effect that a lady visitor said she was sorry he had been captured, and the bandit invoked the blessings of God upon her. There is a good deal of the spasmodic about the horror manifested over this paragraph. What the lady said and meant, was that she was sorry to see any man in his situation, and the bandit thanked her, not for sympathizing with him as an outlaw, but for kindly expressions to him as a man. Only this and nothing more.

The Laborer is Worthy of His Hire.

For years past certain individuals, who never did a day's work if they could help it, have endeavored to incite a conflict between labor and capital in this State. They have so far succeeded as to occasionally get together a few men who clamor for an eight hour law. They are assisted in their visionary schemes by such chimerical and trouble breeding sheets as the San Francisco Post, and the result is, as it always will be, that honest workmen either lose a considerable portion of their time or are thrown out of employment altogether. Now the period has arrived when it is necessary for the good of the community that men should begin to think and act for themselves. We submit the question to the workmen of San Francisco: Have the vapors of such men as A. M. WINN and C. C. TERRILL ever added one dollar to your earnings or strengthened your prospects for steady employment? The contest between labor and capital, if we understand the issue, is which shall dictate the law to the other. Have the fulminations of these two men and the utopian editorials of the Post ever enabled the laborers of San Francisco to say, We will do so many hours of toil for so much money? We think not. The fact is, when labor and capital clinch in deadly conflict, labor always goes to the wall—is compelled to give way. And there are many reasons why this result is inevitable. Labor has no reserve fund—no food in store—and when the work stops, hungry months begin to cry for bread, and in response receive a stone. Not so with capital. It has a bank account and can afford to wait for a turn in the tide—the starvation of labor. These eight hour howlers are the instigators of strikes. They urge workmen to throw off their aprons and refuse to work, when they know the chances are a thousand to one that a reduction of hours will not be acceded to, and that after days of privation the poor man will be compelled to come back and beg for an opportunity to resume his place at the old rates. The number of labor strikes is legion. Did any one—does any workman recall an instance where the striker benefitted himself or his family? The answer, if truthfully and honestly made, must be in the negative. No matter how humiliating may be the admission, we all must admit, and the light of experience forces the admission, that all attempts to force terms upon capital are so many failures—ignominious failures. Labor and capital like all other articles or elements of commerce and trade, regulate and equalize themselves. The demand draws upon the supply and when one exceeds the other, the scarcity always enhances the value. Let us look at this eight-hour proposition. Can labor force it? We doubt it for these reasons: The article is too abundant. The supply exceeds the demand. Take as an illustration, the case of the editor of the HERALD. He is paid a stipulated sum per week for his services. He has so much labor to perform and so long as he performs it his employers are satisfied. But suppose he should notify the firm that he would only work eight hours per day without reference to the amount of labor performed. The result would be the employment of two men to do the work now performed by one. The HERALD Board of Directors would meet and consider this proposition: Shall we hire an assistant editor, or shall we hire another who will do the work of the present editor and the assistant both for half the wages we shall have to pay both? As a business proposition we should be invited to send in our resignation, and the company would be doing right. Business is business. A man will not pay four dollars for eight hours' labor when he can obtain ten hours' labor for the same money, and so long as those ten hours' labor may be had, eight hour movements will not succeed. Capital and labor combined are the mainspring of prosperity. When they do not combine, they are elements of discord, contention and misery. All movements intended to break up the harmonious action of these two elements of power are deleterious to the best interests of the country, and entail poverty and suffering upon the working people. Theoretical reforms are, nine times out of ten, practical absurdities.

OUR dispatches this morning announce that the Mexicans are raiding the frontier of Texas. They are driving off cattle, shooting at citizens, and threatening the release of persons confined for the commission of high crimes. The acts are high handed outrages, and should be put down at once and effectually. It is not the custom of the United States or her people to submit to insult either national or individual, and when they are offered by a party of Mexican bandits and robbers, the response should be rifle-balls and sabre thrusts. It is the duty of the Government to protect her citizens under any and all circumstances, and these barbarians now jeopardizing the lives and property of the Texan frontiersmen should be taught a lesson which those who survive its learning will remember.

THE woman crusade against whisky in the East, has not accomplished anything of importance except the arrest of the ladies. The movement was backed with more zeal than judgment.

The Farmers' Bank of Colusa has begun business. W. K. ESTILL is President, and Stewart Harris Cashier.

Nevada's Senatorship.

The Nevada Senatorial fight will not be such an easy going affair after all, as the indications seemed to warrant some time ago. When WILLIAM SHARON, the millionaire and mining speculator, threw his castor into the arena, it was thought by many, and confidently predicted by his friends, that no competitors would have the temerity to enter the lists. By and by, SUTRO, of tunnel fame, tossed his plug over the ropes. The act partook so strongly of the ludicrous that people did, as they always do when they see anything amusing—they laughed. But SUTRO declared he was in sober earnest, and meant to contest every inch of ground between that moment and the day of election. SHARON did not scare easily at SUTRO—he does not scare easily at anything—and the odds were a hundred to one on "Uncle Billy." Later, ex-Minister CHARLIE DE LOXO concluded he would like to represent Nevada in the United States Senate. CHARLIE has been of this opinion ever since the sagebrush State began to elect Senators—and in went his sombrero. The last, and by no means the least, tile that has fallen at the feet of SHARON is that of Congressman KENDALL. So there are now four candidates for Nevada's Senatorial seat. It is also stated that JIM NYE and BILL STEWART are both anxious to know if Nevada does not want to elect them again. No one, except the gentlemen themselves, can imagine such a possibility may arise; but a man who can imagine a sixty thousand dollar saw-mill, and draw the money for building it, as NYE did, can imagine anything; and a Senator who can amass half a million dollars during a single term is also pretty good on the imagination. We, however, imagine that the prospects of either of them is all imaginary moonshine. If the largest press detaches the pessimism, "Uncle Billy" will win the prize. If talking good, smooth talk—a torrent of it—will weigh anything, De Loxo will cause all competitors to kick the beam. But if a tried and found worthy servant is to be rewarded, KENDALL stands a good chance to fill STEWART's seat. SUTRO might have got it, if there had been no other candidates—but only in such a contingency.

The Text Book Epidemic.

The public school text book epidemic, which occasionally attacks the people of San Francisco, is now raging in the Board of Education of that city. BANCROFT & Co. have issued a set of school books called the "Pacific Coast" series, and an attempt was made at the last meeting of the Board to throw McGUFFEY's readers out of the schools and substitute the Pacific Coast in their stead. No definite conclusion was reached, but the subject will not be dropped, and unless the parents of San Francisco are very careful they will be compelled to purchase a new set of books for their children. The series now in use cost \$2 85 per set, while the new series will cost \$3 75 per set. No change can be made in the text books of schools in the State outside of San Francisco until the Fall, and therefore if a child goes from an outside district into San Francisco it will be required to purchase a new set of books. The same expense will follow the removal from the city to the country after the adoption of the new series. The new series of BANCROFT & Co. may be good books, but it is not probable they are better than those now in use. The people of this State have been made to incur a heavy expense every time a change of school books has taken place, and these changes have been entirely too frequent. The changes are generally, if not always, in the interest and for the benefit of some publishing house or book firm. We wish we could say the schools and children have been benefited by the throwing out of one series and the adopting of another, but we cannot. They are mere speculations, in which the people are victimized out of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and it is time those who are made to suffer should rebel against what is nothing more or less than an imposition.

THE authoritative announcement that Senator SARGENT will support the Chinese mail subsidy effectually settles a question on which there has heretofore existed two opinions. That is that there is no conflict between the Central Pacific Railroad Company and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. SARGENT is consistent in this one thing: He never votes in opposition to the will of Governor STANFORD. If the interests of the railroad company would be advanced by the defeat of the mail subsidy, we should stand ready to hazard everything to nothing that the Quaker Hill statesman would early and often vote against the passage of the bill. But he says he will vote for the subsidy, and this at once proves that the story about the quarrel between the two companies is nothing but a story. HAGER, honest, conscientious HAGER, will obey the instructions of the Legislature that elected him, and vote against the subsidy, although his undivided judgment would induce him to vote for it.

THE secret is out at last. The President has positively refused to allow Ben Butler's portrait or vignette to go on any denomination of national currency. For this Ben has sworn by all he ever stole that he will burst the United States, decapitate the American eagle, scalp the Goddess of Liberty, and send the great family to the poorhouse.

The China Mail Subsidy.

The question of continuing the subsidy to the China mail steamers has its advocates and opponents. A line of steamers between San Francisco and Hong Kong is a good thing in some respects, and a bad thing in others. We are all in favor of maintaining our trade with China, and we are nearly all opposed to Chinese immigration. The great mass of our people do not care to be taxed for the support of a line of vessels, when they know the chief use of those steamers is to pour thousands of Chinese coolies into our State. While our merchants and business men generally are favorable to a continuation of the subsidy, our trade with China and Japan is larger now, and continues to increase rapidly from year to year, but on the other hand, Chinese immigration is facilitated by the very means that fosters the trade. The masses are less interested in the trade than they are in checking the influx of coolie labor, hence the opposition to a continuance of the subsidy is strong. There was a time not very long ago, when the will of the people received very little attention in the nation's Capitol, but that time has gone by and *vox populi* now makes Senators tremble, who erstwhile were wont to tremble at nothing save the prospects of losing their seats. A popular vote would be ten to one against the China mail subsidy, but whether the real interests of the country would be best subserved by a withdrawal of this support is a question quite difficult to answer, and one which at this time is puzzling the wisest heads of Congress. It is probable that the company would continue to send their steamers, even should the subsidy be permanently and finally withheld, though they assert that without this support the line could not be maintained. While we are opposed to Chinese immigration in every shape we should still regret to see the steamer line discontinued.

PHIL CADUC, the San Francisco contractor, has gone into the steamboat business. She is called the Parthenia. It is a good name for a steamboat. Our recollection of Spartan history is to the effect that the "Parthenia" were a sort of parentless tribe who made a good deal of trouble in Laconia, and finally so frightened the legitimately born Lacedaemonians that they had things all their own way until they saw fit to leave the country. Hope the Parthenia may create a like commotion among the old boats of the monopoly. Perhaps PHIL's boat is named after INGOMAR's PARthenia, she who was MIRO's daughter, and civilized the barbarian.

THE Santa Barbara Index will probably prove the coast at that point the proper terminus for TOM SCOTT's road. One can prove anything now-a-days, but the trouble is, people will not accept the proof.

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NOTICE.

Subscribers will please take notice that Mr. Sam. Borge is alone authorized to collect subscriptions for the HERALD since April 23rd last. No other person is allowed to collect subscriptions for the paper.

CITY AND SUBURBS.

The Baptist Church will assemble at the County Court-room for services this morning at 11 o'clock.

Vasquez—twenty-five cents for photographs of the band, at the Cottage Gallery, opposite Pico House.

Mr. W. L. Hunter and Mr. James A. Stewart, from Gallatin, were in our city, yesterday, on a flying visit.

Judge Sepulveda left yesterday afternoon by the Senator for San Luis Obispo, where he will hold Court for two weeks.

Rev. Dr. White, of the Presbyterian Church from San Francisco, will preach in Good Templar's Hall to-day at 11 o'clock A. M.

The San Diego World of the 21st instant says: "Dr. Griffin, of Los Angeles, arrived in this city last evening, and left for Julian this morning."

The second edition of the HERALD pamphlet is now out. They are just the thing to send to your friends throughout the country, far and near.

Mr. F. Adam received by the last steamer a fine lot of Summer goods. He is now prepared to suit the most fastidious, both in quality of goods and style of fits.

It is reported on the authority of one of the pilots at Wilmington, that there is now one foot and a half more water on the bar than there has been at any time previous.

Passengers for San Diego by the Kalorama will take the train this morning, at ten o'clock. The Kalorama will be at Wilmington on her return trip next Tuesday.

It is reported that any number of laboring men are at work in the harvest fields in the vicinity of Anaheim, and will receive therefor wages ranging as high as two dollars per day.

Judge Lindley has gone to Paso Robles Hot Springs. He will enjoy himself in hunting and fishing for a few days, and may conclude his recreations by a flying visit to San Francisco.

The subject of the Rev. Mr. Campbell's discourse in the M. E. Church South this morning will be "What is Life?" in the evening, "The God of the Infidel and the God of the Christian."

We learn that Capt. Sears will superintend the dredging of Wilmington harbor, under the auspices of Uncle Sam, as no bids have been received from outside parties for doing the work.

Special officer Bland entered complaint last Friday against the proprietor of the Los Angeles Saloon, on Los Angeles street, for keeping a noisy and disorderly house. The man was fined \$20.

There will be services at the Congregational Church, New High street, to-day at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., conducted by Rev. D. T. Packard. Sabbath School at 12 o'clock. All are invited.

The second thousand of the HERALD pamphlet is now printed, and for sale at our office. They are sold at the original price of five cents per copy. Call and secure a number to send your friends.

A disorderly individual was fined \$9.50 in the Mayor's Court, yesterday, for disturbing somebody's peace and quiet. He was fined that amount for the city in the chain gang, and behave himself next time.

Addis, at the Cottage Rooms, has been doing such an immense business that he has had to employ a No. 1 artist to assist him. Cards now beautifully retouched, one dollar per dozen. Call at once, as he soon leaves.

T. A. Garey, Deputy Master of the Patrons of Husbandry went out last night to organize a Grange near Pasadena. This will be nineteenth Grange in the county, and will bring the membership of the order up to about fifteen hundred.

Captain Clark left yesterday for his silver mines accompanied by a surveying party. He has been working the mines for some six months past, but now goes to secure the government patent for them, to "make assurance doubly sure, and take a bond of fate."

A portion of the wall of the Blue Wing store, which was built for the down, yesterday fell somewhat unexpectedly and injured one of the men who was at work beneath it. The harm done was not very serious, however, as the man received only a few slight cuts and bruises.

The survey of the town of San Bernardino party still remains at this place to lay off the forty-acre lots on the tract outside of the town. Senator Macley has made a purchase of the water pipe to be laid in the place, and will have it shipped here by the next steamer.

Two men have been arrested at Anaheim on a charge of committing the brutal attack on Mrs. Eldridge, at that place last Tuesday night, the particulars of which were reported in the HERALD. The men were brought to the County Jail, Friday, in irons, and will be held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The Wyanda, one of the last steamers placed upon the Goodall, Nelson & Perkins coast line, will hereafter be known as the Los Angeles. We recognize the compliment paid to our city by the steamship company, and wish our namesake smooth seas and a full manifest while playing up and down the coast.

Mr. Albert G. Packard, the efficient agent of La Cronica, starts to-day for a business trip to the southern part of the county in the interest of the company. Mr. Packard has kindly consented to speak a good word for the HERALD while making his rounds, and is authorized to receive subscriptions and money on our account. We bespeak for him the consideration of our friends throughout the county.

Hereafter there will be a regular schedule for the running of Goodall, Nelson & Perkins' steamers. They have been somewhat irregular heretofore, owing to the press of business; but by the addition of two more steamers to the line the company expects to make regular time and have full accommodations for the carrying trade. The arrivals and departures of steamers will be made known in due time by special notices, as before.

Latest Telegrams.

THE FRENCH MINISTRY FORMED

MEXICAN OUTRAGES ON THE TEXAS FRONTIER.

Destructive Fires in Arkansas.

STUDENT'S REBELLION.

EASTERN.

Mexicans Raiding on the Texas Frontier.

NEW ORLEANS, May 22.—A special dispatch from Brownsville says a terrible state of affairs now exist on the border. The Mexicans are raiding on the cattle and firing on the people. Companies have been formed for their defense. In Corpus Christi, some Mexicans attempted to rescue some of their countrymen who were confined in jail there for murder. They swear they will rob and burn the city. Mr. Smith, living ten miles from Fort Davis, was attacked by Indians and ten of his cattle killed.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 22.—The relief fund for the Mill river sufferers amount to \$60,000. It is estimated that \$100,000 will be needed, 150 families or 700 persons being destitute.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 23.—Yesterday a fire swept over the Forest City, Arkansas, destroying about a quarter of the town. Loss, \$40,000.

A second fire occurred at Forest City, Arkansas, at 2 o'clock this morning, destroyed about half of what was left of the town from last night's fire. Loss about \$50,000.

Rebellion Among the Students.

BRUNSWICK, Maine, May 23.—The Junior Sophomore and Freshman classes of Bowdoin College have united in rebellion against the regulations requiring from them a participation in military drill. The Faculty are considering the matter, and it is understood will insist on the students retracting their decision.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Formation of the French Ministry.

PARIS, via London, May 22.—The French Ministry has finally been constituted as follows: General Cisey, Minister of War and Vice-President of Council; Duke de Cazet, Minister of Foreign Affairs; DeFourent, Minister of the Interior; M. de Cail, Minister of Finance; Eugene Chancel, Minister of Public Works; Louis Rivarot, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce; Viscount de Cumont, Minister of Public Instruction; Adrienne Laithand, Minister of Justice.

SACRAMENTO.

Reward for the Capture and Conviction of a Thief—Increase in Capital Stock—Commissioners of Oakland Board of Public Works.

SACRAMENTO, May 23.—"It is the Governor offered a reward of \$2,000 for the arrest of Chavis and his delivery to the Sheriff of Monterey, payable on his being convicted of participating in the following crimes committed in this State: August 26th several murders were perpetrated, and amongst the murderers was Chavis.

Also, in May, 1874, in San Diego county, John Overend, a white man and four children, were brutally murdered by some person or persons unknown, and there has been a reward of \$1,000 offered for the arrest of the unknown murderer or murderers and his or their delivery to the Sheriff of San Diego county, payable on conviction of the crime.

To-day there was filed in the office of the Secretary of State a certificate of increase of capital stock of the Bank of Hollister, from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The Governor has commissioned the following persons to-day as members of the Board of Public Works in Oakland: E. M. Hall, W. Blair, A. P. K. Harmon, R. W. Kirkham and James de Fremery.

NEVADA.

Rechefton on his Way East—He will Visit Salt Lake.

ELKO (Nev.), May 23.—Henri Rechefton and friends passed here on their way East to-night. Rechefton, after being interviewed, stated that he intended visiting Salt Lake, and remaining a few days, and then proceed to New York via Chicago.

The Steamer Question.

EDITOR HERALD: Referring to a local in yesterday evening's Express, I would say the Pacific Mail Steamship Company have their claims for continued liberal patronage, not upon the names of their steamers, nor because they were, or were not, named "at the earnest solicitation of General Banning," but upon the superiority of their service. Permit me also to ask the maker of the item, if he is "child of the sea" in his second christening? Also, might not the surest and swiftest steamer of G. N. & P.'s be rather an uncertain and slow one, after all? Very respectfully,

H. McLELLAN.

San Bernardino Items.

From the San Bernardino Guardian of May 23.

Fruit trees loaded throughout the valley.

Whooping cough is raging in the town.

Grasshoppers have made their appearance south of the Santa Ana.

Tibbets, the man shot by Stevenson, at Riverside, several days ago, is up, and will probably recover from his wounds.

Two immense rattlesnakes were shot on the Picoira Ranch, last week, by Major Harris, one having seven and the other nine rattles.

We regret to hear that Dr. Dieckes was thrown from his horse, a few days ago and severely injured. He has been confined to his bed several days.

La Esperanza, at No. 108 Main street, is one of the largest and best appointed stores in Southern California. A full line of groceries, imported direct from the East and Europe, together with a complete stock of provisions, is kept constantly on hand and sold at bottom prices. Country produce bought, and the highest price allowed. This house is too well known to require any further commendation from us; we can only advise our friends to visit the store and see for themselves what excellent inducements are offered to customers by way of fine goods and low prices.

Pacific Coast Items.

San Jose is planning for a \$15,000 school house.

Alpine county, the building of the Last Franklin mine, with all its contents, was totally destroyed by fire on the 14th.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Alameda County Savings and Loan Society, on Saturday last, B. F. Ferris, the oldest resident of Oakland, was elected President.

The Eureka (Nev.) Sentinel reports that a member of the Lo family was recently cremated on Roberts' Creek, according to the long established custom of the tribe. There is nothing new under the sun.

A German named John Brown, aged about 45 years, owning some land on Calaveras creek, Santa Clara county, was found dead last Sunday night, on the ranch, having been killed by a tree falling on him while he was chopping.

The Coroner in Oakland held an inquest, May 19th, on the body of James Hooper, who was drowned in the bay last week while returning from a picnic. The verdict was to the effect that deceased was accidentally drowned, and no blame was attached to the railroad company or its employees.

The facilities for shipping by water at Mountain View landing, Santa Clara county, have made that section of country cut in independent of the railroad. The railroad charges from Mountain View \$1.50 per ton for freight, while from Mayfield, over a line five miles shorter, they charge \$1.80 per ton.

District Attorney Bodley, of Santa Clara, claims to own a fine dog, called a "Bully," which he has raised since it was a pup.

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Henry Greatorex, an Englishman, refused to pay his poll tax at Benicia the other day, and grossly insulted the local police. He was taken to the jail, but after being a few times led to water, now noses the faucet, turns it on, drinks from a trough, and shuts off the faucet again, all in order and with care. Bodley defines this to be the "smartest cat in America."

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Starr's new mill at South Vallejo will have five stories in all, the frame of the third now being up. Adjoining the present mill another building, 90 by 250 feet and two stories high is being erected. The new building will have a storage capacity for 2,000 tons of wheat and flour, which amount will be kept on hand during the present crop.

The Battle Mountain Measure for Measure of May 19th reports: About ten days ago the remains of a man were found in the cañon above the Trenton mill. The body was rolled up in a tent and headed over with rocks. It had the appearance of having been dead for several months. Near by was the skeleton of a dead horse, and the appearance of the cooking utensils and every thing about led to the presumption that the man had been murdered.

Visalia Items.

From the Visalia Delta of May 21.

The grain crop on the Upper Tulare is very heavy this year. Forty and fifty bushels to the acre will be quite common, and the best will perhaps make seventy.

J. W. Crowley, Treasurer of the Visalia Railroad Company, informs us that there is every prospect of being able to commence work on the road from Visalia to the coast, this summer. The stock now subscribed is \$64,500, on about \$40,000 of which ten per cent is paid up; and the balance, with the exception of ten per cent on \$600, can be collected on a day's notice.

The recent warm weather has brought a portion of the superabundant snow out of the mountains, and the streams are high. King's river is said to be the highest it has been since the flood. The St. John's creek is quite high, and is discharging a large volume into all creek by backing through Santa Ana, thus reversing the usual course of the current in the last named channel.

A fire got under way in the dry grass on the north side of Mr. Tripp's place on Mussel slough and swept across the quarter till it reached Gray's grain stack, where it was arrested by a fence. Mr. Tripp lost some sixty tons of hay. The fire ran at a horse-gallop, and little could be done to stay its ravages. About seventy men and several teams with scrapers and plows were at work in its discovery.

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San Diego Items.

From the Union, May 22.

The Los Angeles stage, coming this way, yesterday, when at the Santa Margarita grade, just before reaching San Luis Rey, was upset.

The passengers were uninjured, but one of the horses was badly hurt and the stage broken.

We are informed that it was not Otto Meyer who first discovered the Overend murder, but H. Meyer, a shepherd, who had been in the employ of Mr. Manasse until within a few weeks. He went to Overend's house for the purpose of selling him some lambs, and found him in front of the door.

A. G. Gassen brought to this office yesterday a sample of washing from a handful of pulverized quartz taken from the bottom of a shaft in the Shandah Mining District. The shaft is about eleven feet in depth, and the ledge is two and a half feet wide. The gold was plainly visible, and if the shaft continues to yield in like proportion there is no doubt that this will prove a very rich mine.

Mr. Bogan, who is an experienced miner, says the yield will not vary far from \$300 to the ton. Mr. Gassen requests us to say that parties who may visit this mining region must not expect to pick up gold on the surface, but must go to work and sink shafts, using proper judgment in the location of ledges.

SATURDAY NIGHT MUSINGS.

"Our content is our best having"

Our content is our best having" is a line, each little scrap of words that has come down to us stands out in characters strong as proofs of Holy Writ, that the article was not of his having. Shakespeare was the most earnest reader of human nature that ever nature formed. He probed deeper into the human heart, and knew more of its longings and throbbings—its pains and its joys—than any or all other students who essayed to open the book before his day or since his time, and he said: "I swear 'tis better to be lowly born, and range with humble livers in content, than to be perked up in a glistering grief and wear a golden sorrow." He no doubt felt that this would be a good having, at the very moment he knew he did not and never could have it. His life was as barren of contentment as the ambition of Lady Macbeth was towering. We are told that his domestic era was unbrightened with the sunshine of happiness—he lived in an age when his genius found little appreciation, and from the morn to the afternoon of his brief life of fifty-two years he fought poverty with the desperate earnestness that comes of the resolve to win the battle or fall with his feet to the foe and his face to the sun. If this wonderful being, this transcendent genius—was a stranger to content, who of the sons and daughters of men have been its intimate friend? We are all children, and will cry for the moon when we have it, and bright sunshine is flooding all around us. It is the old, old story—the good time coming—the anticipation of the future—the dissatisfaction present. Was there ever a contented man or woman? Did man intend that his children should enjoy the felicity of contentment in this stage of our existence? If he did, there has been some mistake in the finishing touches of her work. The intent has miscarried, and the burly artist to whom was intrusted the work, has made a mistake. Ambition and content are as antagonistic as light and darkness—as deadly enemies as fire and water—as discordant elements as heat and cold—as wide apart as the poles; and who is without ambition? "Tis a common proof that lowliness is young ambition's ladder, whereto the climber upward turns his face; but when he once attains the topmost round, he then unto the ladder turns his back, looks into the clouds, scorning the base degrees by which he ascended." That tells the story. Ambition—this thing "of so airy and light a quantity that it is but a shadow of a shadow," feeds upon content and makes us what we are, rather than what we should be.

Sticides where it is said a woman was in the case of a frequent occurrence. But it is really true that a man—a sane man—will hurl himself out of this world because a woman that he loves does not, and will not love him. The proposition does not seem tenable on the sane issue. If we place it on the insane ground it is reasonable enough, and the fact cannot be denied that men have become insane through unrequited love, and while thus have shuffled off the mortal coil. "Men have died and the worms have eaten them, but not for love," said the philosopher who peered deep into the human heart. If this is true, no man has died from love, and will not love him. The cause is the same and the end is the same. Now, should a man kill himself for love? Is the case improved by the act? Is not the condition of things as they were, with the exception of shifting the misery from one person to another? The man is dead and is rapidly resolving himself into the clod from which he originally sprung, but he has left the woman a wreck of unmitigated grief, and a mad do this? Would an honorable man who sincerely loved a woman, thus injure her? It seems incredible that he should. If a man cannot win a woman's love it is his fault, not hers. He is unworthy of her love, or she of his. She cannot love him, or he cannot love her, why should he blight her life with the consciousness that she has been forced to dip her hands in his blood? Looking at the subject from whatever standpoint we may, we can find no justification for a man killing himself for love. The wretch who broods over his misfortune until his mind gives way, and in his frenzy sends the fatal ball crashing through his brain, deserves the sympathy which is extended alike to the innocent cause of the calamity. He was not responsible, and she should not be held amenable, unless, indeed, she toyed with the mouse for her own amusement, neither knowing nor caring for the consequences. If so, she was pitiless and will live and die remorseless. But no sane man will kill himself because he cannot win the love of the woman he loves. He will not pain her, as the act would pain her if she is a true woman. The drift of all this is that only fools kill themselves for love. A sane man with a thimble full of brains prefers to find some woman who will love him, rather than killing himself for one that won't.

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